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C O N F I D E N T I A L GABORONE 1334

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SUBJECT: INCREASED CONTACTS WITH NATIONALIST LEADERS IN BOTSWANA

1. IN JUNE 8 COVERSATION WITH ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT, CHARLES TIBONE, DCM BROUGHT DISCUSSION AROUND TO USG DESIRE FOR MORE CONTACTS WITH NATIONALIST LEADERS, INCLUDING THOSE REPRESENTING DISPARATE REFUGEE GROUPS IN BOTSWANA.

2. TIBONE WARMLY WELCOMED THE IDEA THAT EMBASSY DO EVEN MORE TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH LEADERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF ZIMBABWEAN, NAMIBIAN AND SOUTH AFRICA NATIONALIST GROUPS. HE SAID THAT WHILE GOB UNDERSTOOD OUR DESIRE NOT TO BE IDENTIFIED AS SUPPORTING ANY PARTICULAR GROUP, OUR
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FORMER RELATIVE PAUCITY OF CONTACT HAD BEEN MISUNDERSTOOD BY THE NATIONALISTS AS OPPOSITION, OR AT BEST INDIFFERENCE TO THE FREEDOM STRUGGLE. TIBONE OFFERED TO BE OF ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE IN PUTTING US IN TOUCH WITH NATIONALIST REPS, ALTHOUGH HE ADMITTED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW THEM ALL, OR THE EXACT ADDRESSES OF MANY. HE ADDED THAT THERE WAS DIFFICULTY OFTEN IN IDENTIFYING

LEADERS, SINCE THE ONES IN BOTSWANA WERE NOT NECESSARILY
VERY HIGH RANKING IN THEIR RESPECTIVE ORGANIZATIONS.

3. I HAVE SENT TIBONE A LIST OF THE NATIONALIST LEADERS
OF WHOM WE ARE AWARE, ASKING (AS HE HAD OFFERED) HIM TO
UPDATE AND EXPAND IT WHERE POSSIBLE.

4. COMMENT: WE CONSIDER THIS FRANK AND ENTHUSIASTIC
REVELATION OF GOB ATTITUDE TOWARD OUR CONTACTS WITH
NATIONALISTS TO BE A VERY SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT AND
ANTICIPATE A RELATED MARKED INCREASE IN OUR KNOWLEDGE
OF THESE GROUPS. END COMMENT.HOOVER

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